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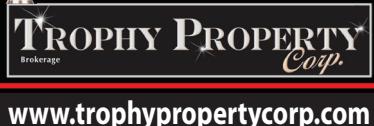
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Health unit monitoring 'fairly significant increase' in COVID-19 activity

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually on April 6.

"When we saw lifting of provincial measures lifted, many public health professionals and community members

reminded everyone the pandemic wasn't over and I think just in case we forgot that, COVID-19 virus is here to remind us," Bocking said. "We are seeing quite a lot of COVID-19 activity across all of Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge region right now."

Looking at main indicators being followed, Bocking said the number of new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 each day has doubled in the last two weeks, with approximately 25 to 30 new cases

per day, compared to being down to about 15 cases per day previously.

"As access to PCR testing is limited, we know that this is just the tip of the iceberg of actual case activity," Bocking said. "Likely many, many more people that are having a positive rapid antigen test at home or might be symptomatic and don't have a test at home but are presumed to have COVID-19."

She said test positivity has also increased over the past two weeks, being

up to 12 or 13 per cent, after being at a low of eight per cent.

Wastewater surveillance data shows an increase in viral signal both in the Lindsay and Cobourg watershed, Cobourg demonstrating a "steep climb" in virus activity, being at the highest point since wastewater has been monitored and five times higher than the peak of the Omicron wave in January.

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Minden wastewater site could resume testing

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"Certainly our wastewater surveillance information mirroring that of what's being seen across the province with an increase in activity and fairly significant increase in activity," she said.

Bocking said early signs of increases in hospital admissions are being seen, and are expected to continue over the next few weeks across all three geographic areas based on the amount of virus activity being seen.

When asked about the Minden wastewater site, which has had data available in the past, Bocking said the health unit is "continuing to explore with the province" if it can be up and running again as an additional site.

Bocking said when wastewater testing was first available, the health unit region was limited to two sites and testing was being done in Minden in part due to the increased population during the summer. The hope is it will return, she said.

HKPR region enters sixth wave

Bocking said the health unit is seeing the surge equivalent of a wave.

"While we certainly all, I think, hoped that the fifth wave would be our last big wave, or at least we'd have a bit of a longer period of time to catch our breath, I think it is fair to say that we are entering another wave, or we have entered another wave," Bocking said. "... The question now really is, how large will this wave be?"

Bocking said the increase in activity is being fuelled by the cumulative impact of provincial public health measures being lifted, including capacity limits and mandates regarding indoor masking, as well as the sub-variant of Omicron, BA.2, which is more transmissible and becoming dominant. She repeated that vaccinations, staying home while sick, masking, avoiding or limiting social gatherings and hand washing continue to be important to reduce spread of the virus and prevent severe illness. While Bocking said wearing a mask inside is no longer a rule, she said, she "strongly recommends" that individuals wear a well-fitting mask indoors when with those from outside the household as it's a good tool to protect members of the community that are at higher risk of severe illness, and strongly encourages people reconsider their social gatherings indoors right now.

Bocking was asked by a reporter if, based on the increase in cases and surge of the sixth wave, she felt it had been premature for the province to lift public health measures at this time.

"I think it comes back to what the goal is, and the province made a decision that if our goal is to prevent severe strain on our acute care system, that there were other mechanisms in place to try to prevent this strain other than broader provincial public health restrictions," she said. "I think there's lots of different ways we can analyze this, but I think for me right now the most important thing is looking at what we can do moving forward to mitigate illness from this wave."

Living alongside COVID-19

"I think we had in general moved toward trying to wrap our heads around what living with COVID looks like, or living alongside COVID, and recognizing that COVID-19 is not going away, that it is still here, it is still causing more vulnerable community members to develop severe illness, and also has the potential to still be a tremendous strain on our healthcare system, and wanting to protect our healthcare system, not cancel surgeries, not cancel other care that is desperately needed," Bocking said. "And so living alongside COVID, while it might not include provincial legislation that limits capacity limits, I think it behooves all of us that it includes being aware of when COVID activity is high, we're taking those steps to protect ourselves and each other. And then as COVID-19 activity comes down, we share that, people are aware and we can back off of some of those measures. But I think this is really an important piece of the puzzle in terms of what living alongside COVID looks like, that it's still here, we use the tools we know we have that work well, and we continue with them."

Vaccinations encouraged, including second booster doses

Of the 29 deaths that have been confirmed across HKPR region since Jan. 1 of this year, almost 50 per cent were among individuals who were unvaccinated, said Bocking.

"We know that the vaccines do work very well in preventing severe illness and there's very good data locally, provincially, nationally and globally to demonstrate this," she said.

Currently 86 per cent of people aged 70 and older in the HKPR region have received a booster dose, but Bocking said among those aged 60 and over, there's still almost 12,400 people across the region that could get their booster dose now, and a large population that hasn't received any dose.

Second booster doses are available now for people aged 60 and over, or Indigenous people aged 18 and older. The recommended interval by the province is five months between first and second booster dose, but there must be a minimum interval of at least three months between doses.

That vaccine is available through pharmacies, primary care providers, and through health unit clinics. A clinic at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be held on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic is available through the provincial booking system only, with no walk-ins.

Small percentage of pediatric cases hospitalized

Bocking said locally, pediatric cases have not necessarily been identified by the public health unit as being on the rise, as some health care professionals have reported is happening provincially, because PCR tests are limited to those who live and work in high-risk settings like long-term care homes and hospitals. Bocking said there have been five admissions to hospital among children under nine since Jan. 1, which is more than what was previously seen during the pandemic.

"That's not because Omicron is more severe among this age group, but because we know there's that many more infections and we also know that the very young – infants less than one or two years old – are not eligible for vaccination and are often at higher risks from viruses just because their immune systems are still building," she said.

Bocking said within the five to 11-year-old age group across the region, the rate of vaccination is incrementally increasing to just 50 per cent. She said access has been available, but some parents were waiting to be more comfortable with the vaccine and its impact within the age group.

"We certainly have lots of data at this point in time to demonstrate its safety among this age group, and more and more data being accumulated to demonstrate vaccine effectiveness in this age group," Bocking said. "Our challenge as health care providers moving forward is to communicate this out to parents in a way that makes sense and builds confidence and comfort with this vaccine."


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Federal budget falls short for the vulnerable

Haliburton County let down by budget's lack of focus on rural and low income needs

DARREN LUM

Editor

The consensus from local organizations the Echo reached out to for responses about the 2022 federal budget is that it helps, but doesn't do enough and isn't focused on those with the greatest need here.

Presented by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland on Thursday, April 7, the budget is promising more opportunities to buy a house, with a little more than \$10 billion for housing-related initiatives, which is a third of all new spending pledged.

This includes the Tax-Free First Home Savings Account that gives first time home buyers under 40 an opportunity to save up to \$40,000 tax-free to the purchase of a home, with contributions that will be tax-deductible and any withdrawals made towards a purchase of a first home to not be taxed; First Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit rises from \$750 to \$1,500, a Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit, which will provide up to \$7,500 in support for constructing a secondary suite, new funding of \$1.5 billion over two years to extend the Rapid Housing Initiative, which is expected to create at least 6,000 new affordable housing units, and \$4 billion is pledged over five years for the Housing Accelerator Fund, which hopes to help municipalities speed up housing development. It's expected to create 100,000 new housing units and will cost \$4 billion over five years.

The executive director of the Heat Bank Haliburton County Tina Jackson said she acknowledges these pledges will help people, but said they won't address lower income residents she helps through her organization.

"Obviously, all three [tax-free options] of those are great initiatives. Certainly happy to see there is [an attempt to try] to diversify where new housing stock is coming from and to help folks get into home ownership, but all three of those are entirely geared to moderate and higher income households," she said.

The Heat Bank, which was started in 2013 as a community initiative to help increase the supply of emergency firewood and heat for vulnerable Highlands residents, is a program of the registered charity, the Central Food Network. The Network now works to introduce services to reduce the impacts of poverty and attempts to help households prevent and overcome heating and hydro emergencies.

Jackson said it's important to be cognizant of a segment of the population that is being left out.

"So this is definitely leaving out any

households that are living in inter-generational poverty, who are going to be unable to meet their current basic needs, let alone start thinking about trying to help their kids save for home ownership. They're worried about feeding their children ... that's just completely out of touch with their realities," she said. "And also anybody who's unable to afford upfront costs for renovations is again left behind."

She adds when it comes to a refundable tax credit related, it doesn't help those residents who's income isn't high enough. She's seen an "alarming increase" in households that are experiencing homelessness.

Jackson noted affordable housing target program supervisor with the City of Kawartha Lakes Michelle Corley who presented findings to Haliburton County about the growing numbers of homelessness, accounting for 37 homeless households. This is up from a dozen just two years ago. "So we're definitely seeing that in our clients that there's an increase in people who are hidden homeless. And I think with the continued high home values that we're seeing ... is it's just really incentivizing landlords and investment buyers to sell right now. So, it's just really having huge impact on lower income tenants who are completely displaced from the housing market right now. They're definitely not in a position to purchase, but there's [not enough] available rental units, let alone affordable rental units," she said.

Further displacement, she said, is likely to come with greater opportunities for remote work to be performed, which could draw high income earners up to the area to sell their city properties to move up here. This goes beyond just housing displacement, but community displacement, with how there aren't any options to purchase or to find affordable rental units.

One of the pledges that has the potential to help her clients she serves is the Rapid Housing Initiative.

"Certainly, that's an investment in affordable housing, which is what we need for lower income households in our community, or at least a part of it," she said.

However, she recognizes 6,000 units estimated to come from the initiative is not very many for the entire country.

"I really think the challenge is going to be for our local politicians, our local housing staff, our local non-profit housing providers, to call attention to the needs of our community that, yes, I know, they're screaming about Toronto, but the impact on our community is that we have no homeless shelter here. We are absolutely seeing people displaced from their com-

munities. We need investments here. And we need them yesterday," she said. "We are long overdue for affordable housing investments in Highlands East, particularly."

Warden of Haliburton County Liz Daniels wrote in an email message, specifically referring to the tax credits for housing:

Hearing the federal government's plans for the upcoming year is always interesting, but doesn't often have the impact on municipalities that this budget does. One of the biggest issues all levels of government need to address is the housing shortage in all categories from affordable housing on up. The Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus recently reviewed their priorities

for the upcoming year and housing was at the top of the list. At the local level both the County and its member municipalities are having staffing challenges given that there are literally no housing units available or they are priced out of candidates' ability to pay.

Reducing red tape, although somewhat problematic from the municipal standpoint given their greater local knowledge and understanding of each community's issues, will get projects off the ground much quicker. The emphasis on affordable housing will hopefully help to address the long wait times families in need are facing, and help for first time purchasers in tax credits and one time funding assistance

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Canada needs to start discussion about energy poverty

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assistance will make a substantial difference for folks in need. As well, support for secondary suites should expand the market offer opportunities over the next few years. Of concern, however, is that the push for housing developments and reduction of red tape could increase the chances of large developments in environmentally sensitive areas. We will have to carefully monitor how programs at both the federal and provincial levels impact growth in the Highlands and respond as needed."

With a \$475 million pledge, the federal government is offering a one-time payment of \$500 pledged for those facing housing affordability challenges.

Jackson hopes she can ensure her clients receive this money. However, it isn't clear about the criteria for eligibility and it really isn't a lot of money.

"The \$500 for our clients is a great deal of money. However, in the grand scheme of things, if you're spending \$3,000 to heat your house. That's yeah, it's really just a drop in the bucket of what's needed," she said.

Another concern of Jackson's, is the high rate of energy poverty in the Highlands.

From the Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners (CUSP) web page, Energy poverty refers to the experience of households or communities that struggle to heat and cool their homes and power their lights and appliances. As listed by CUSP, the challenges are discomfort from living in a cold and drafty home, disruptions from abrupt utility shutoffs, having to decide between essentials such as groceries and medication, or to pay energy

bills, increased incidence of respiratory illness in children and infants, higher stress and poor mental health outcomes for adults and difficulty participating fully in community life.

Jackson said the Central Food Network started as part of an agreement to meet the country's call for investments in energy conservation for low income households and the development of a national energy poverty framework.

"And I thought we had seen some traction there and I really was thinking that at the very least we would see the inclusion ... language in there and recognize that this is an issue, which was completely absent. So, as we continue to see the rising cost of fuel coupled with what we know that we need to transition away from fossil fuels I really am very worried about leaving behind our lower income homeowners who are going to be completely [left behind]. I mean, one, they're struggling to afford home heat, let alone trying to upgrade their heating sources to be more inline with what we expect to be made from oil, for instance. And there's nothing that recognizes that in this budget," she said.

She adds Canada is far behind Europe, who have discussed the issue and have come up with strategies to resolve the situation.

From the CUSP 2016 national census data, it showed Haliburton County as having one of the highest rates of energy poverty in Canada," she said.

CUSP's website said home energy cost burdens is the percentage of total after-tax household income that is spent on home heating and electricity. This is below three per cent for most Canadians, but households that spend double on home energy

burdens is considered (for policy reasons) to be experiencing energy poverty. Haliburton has 4,950 households with more than six per cent spent., which included 2,475 households with 31 per cent.

"So, you can have a household that has a higher level of income. They wouldn't necessarily be deemed as being living in poverty, but, if their energy burden in order to keep the lights on and their home heated are high enough, they actually experience energy poverty without experiencing overall poverty," she said. "On the flip side, you could have somebody who is living in low income and experiencing poverty, but, if they have affordable housing and they're heat and hydro are included, they may not experience energy poverty."

Environment

Just a few weeks since the climate strike protest in Haliburton, Environment Haliburton! vice president Terry Moore said he appreciates the budget's incentives outlined to get more Canadians driving clean zero emission vehicles, however it falls short for him.

"We need so much more than that," he said. "We need, for example, a massive shift away from individual, individual solutions to the problem. And we can't zero emission vehicle our way out of this immersive climate emergency, but it is going to be helpful to get people out of internal combustion cars. And to that extent, it's good. It's a good initiative. It's not enough, but it's there and it'll be helpful ... it could be much more," he said. "I think that everybody who is concerned with the climate appreciates any action is going to have the impact on driving down carbon pollution. And this will have some

impact on that. It's not a level of ambition, which is going to you know, it's really at the scale of the crisis that we face, but it is an indication that you know that there are some help with respect to being able to purchase these vehicles and so on. The biggest problem is affordability for people. Many, many people can't afford to make a switch from fossil fuel or internal combustion engines to zero emission vehicles," he said.

The budget proposes \$1.7 billion over five years, which will extend the Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles program until March 2025.

He adds any incentive to assist with purchasing, which can help the environment, is welcomed.

However, any federal program's effectiveness still depends on a provincial government to be fully implemented.

"Whatever the federal government does, it can only operate within its own jurisdiction unless it gets the active participation of the provinces and in terms of the Ontario playing its role in taking as big as an advantage of the actions on the federal level is concerned is that the Ontario government has a horrible history with respect to climate action, as its getting worse," he said.

Moore said one of the first things the Ford government did when they came into power was to kill off the subsidies for the purchase of electric vehicles.

He notes how B.C. And Quebec, who maintained subsidies now have much higher numbers of electric vehicles.

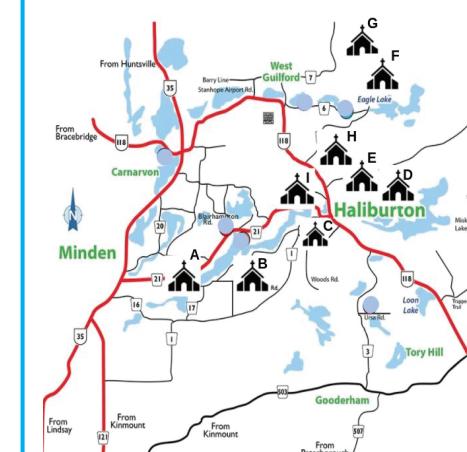
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Implementation is key for dental program

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partner at the federal level and at the provincial level and to make it really work," he said.

Dental care for all

The national dental care program, which was made possible by the Liberal-NDP agreement reached recently, will be supported by a pledge of \$5.3 billion over five years and \$1.7 billion each year after. The program starts this year, providing care to children under 12 and will expand to include Canadians under 18, seniors and people with disabilities in 2023. Full implementation is expected by 2025. Families with incomes of less than \$90,000 a year are eligible.

From a prepared statement, the Volunteer Dental Outreach founders Lisa and Bill Kerr wrote they're excited for the prospect of funding to cover dental care services geared to low income earners.

"We have been fighting a losing battle trying to meet the needs of the hundreds and hundreds of patients just in our County who have extreme dental issues," they wrote. "Since we announced our Volunteer Dental Clinic back in 2011, we have never been in a position to book all the patients who need us immediately and have had a waiting list for the care of one of our volunteer dental professionals whether it is a dentist, denturist or dental

hygienist which is endless. Patients who have not had access to dental care have extreme need and often require more than 20 hours of appointments each to address their oral health needs. That is a lot of chair time when there are only four to six hour long available appointments in a dentist's day. COVID-19 protocols have reduced the number of people who can be in an office at one time which has eliminated at least one appointment per day when you factor in the fallow time required to change over a room between patients."

The VDO is a community dental assistance program, which is comprised of volunteer dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, who provide expert service and funded by donations.

The Kerrs reserved comment about the national program until more details are released about the administration and, if compensation for dentists would be "reasonable."

"As it currently stands, there are programs in place for children of low income families (17 and under) and low income seniors, two of the groups targeted by the new funding in the first phases of the program. The reason the current programs are not functioning optimally is because the programs are currently under funded with the impact being that not enough dental offices or dental specialists are accepting patients covered by govern-

ment funded dental programs. The current funding formulas don't cover the overhead expenses to operate a clinic and many dental offices refuse to treat patients when it costs them more to pay their staff than they are paid by the government programs.

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At the local level both the County and its member municipalities are having staffing challenges given that there are literally no housing units available or they are priced out of candidates' ability to pay.

— Liz Danielsen

they can't find an office to take them. We are hoping that with the new programs it will be possible for these patients to make appointments at the dental offices of their choice and alleviate the need for our waiting lists. If the new federal budget funding means that the fees for the low income patients will come into line with everyone else then access to care should no longer be an issue and in our opinion these programs will be the solution to a serious gap in our healthcare system," they wrote.

They continued, "Just because the funding is announced doesn't mean increased access to care will necessarily follow if the providers are not available to see these people or if the funds are not allocated where they need to go. Until the programs are in place and operating and we have had a chance to evaluate their efficacy Volunteer Dental Outreach will continue as usual to be there for low income residents of Haliburton County with no where else to turn for dental need."

Jackson said her clients have benefited and continue to benefit from the VDO services, but the national program helps to further services.

"But this really kind of goes a little bit further to further reduce barriers and to standardized dental care for low income households across the country, who may not have access to a volunteer dental clinic in their community. So, that's very exciting," she said.

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LOSS. THE WORD itself is filled with sorrow.

The pandemic has had a pronounced affect on our lives. Loss has and continues to be felt by everyone, whether it is visible or not

What have we lost from this pandemic? Everything and nothing, depending on the perspective. Some have prospered, building homes for new and seasonal residents, ready for a life to embrace rural beauty, or have found new freedom from the constraints of office work with the option to perform duties remotely, finding the pleasure in eating lunch at home, with loved ones, sharing laughs that would have been lost to a solitary session of chewing at a work desk; business owners were forced to close, dreams dashed, families separated, friends and lovers broken from disappointment and betrayal.

I feel for everyone, who has lost.

As I write this, I know there are weightier issues this editorial could be based on such as the budget, which does little for our rural area, particularly the most vulnerable, adding to a feeling of being left out and lost.

However, with congestion in my chest and a tickle in my throat, with intermittent soreness across my back and a foggy head, I'm afflicted with what I've been working hard at not contracting, COVID-19.

What I have lost? A potential Easter weekend visit to my parents out of an abundance of caution, and foolish notion I can't contract the virus.

Although I was careful, I'm aware of my slip up and how easily COVID-19 (whatever the variant – Omicron, Delta or BA.2) can be contracted. A poor decision, precipitated to personal challenge on a physical and mental level to get this paper completed. A minor inconvenience when so many have died, or have been hospitalized. I'll take it. Yes, I'm fully vaccinated with a booster.

Are the symptoms similar to having



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Editorial

a cold? Yes, and no. Although I haven't been sick with a cold or flu for close to two years, I remember what it felt like to be sick with either one of those illnesses. I can say what I've experienced the past several days is a little different. It's difficult to describe (what I would characterize as mild symptoms). The one thing that is clear is how symptoms seemingly changed hour to hour – sometimes every quarter of the hour to the next. In one instance, I'd feel healthy, ready to go for a run, with just a minor difficulty in swallowing. The next I'd be completely exhausted, or hacking uncontrollably for a half a minute and then expel a great violent sneeze and feel like I didn't have any symptoms. I'm not sure of the

long-term effects. I have always worn masks for others and didn't in one instance, so I'm not sure if I transmitted the virus, which bothers me. Lesson learned. Guilt felt. I welcome a return to a mask mandate for indoor settings to help lessen the potential loss of any loved ones from contracting COVID-19. It's worth noting I've always worn masks in public indoor spaces.

For all the debate around mask wearing, it's pretty clear how the rates have gone up in the past several weeks since the provincial government lifted health actions.

Like some people around here will tell you, I haven't been alive very long, but I believe there's no greater pain than not being able to say goodbye to a loved one. I cannot imagine being among the early patients during the pandemic who were admitted to the ICU with COVID and not seeing people in person before dying. I understand visits are allowed now, but I'm sure that doesn't instill confidence in the suffering for hope of survival.

What I lost is relatively nothing. What others have lost cannot be truly understood without living it ... or dying with it.

Another wave and another lesson. Let's hope we can learn from this one.



Cool morning art.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Three homes

My husband Jim and I volunteer for the Barnum Lake Nature Reserve. One of our jobs last spring was to hang about 10 bird boxes that had been built by volunteers. These boxes get used by tree swallows, blue birds and chickadees and, so late on a chilly April morning we went out to clean each box out so that they are ready for this spring. We opened each one, cleaned out the sticks and other materials and rehung them. As we were tromping through the woods I found myself thinking about the fact that we all really have three homes to look after.

Each of us are given a "structure" to live in.

Our common shared presence, or inner universe of loving kindness, or grace or goodness or spirit or essence or light and love lives in a structure. We happen to have two legs and have thumbs. Birds happen to be covered in feathers and fly. Trees are covered in bark and have roots that go deep into the earth. Snakes have skin that sheds every year. Whales have tails and fins so they can swim. Every living being has its own home, its own structure to look after it to keep strong and healthy, so it can live the life it is destined to lead. We all have to look after our structure so that our "spirits" or "inner universes" can shine brightly! Our second home is

*Tales from
the great*



**lynda
shadbolt**

Green meadow

eat and raise our children. Perhaps the home is a bird box or a nest on a branch. A cave in the woods. A swamp. An ocean. A desert. A log cabin by the lake or bungalow in a subdivision. We all have a home that we cherish and take good care of so that we can live the lives that we want to live. Everyone needs a home.

Our third home is the planet itself. All beings share this planet and we all have a responsibility to be good stewards and look after it. We all need to make choices that benefit the well-being of all. We know enough from science that if all the bumble bees disappear, the whole planet is in trouble. "Ants are one of the most populous insect species, and they play a crucial role in soil aeration, soil fertilization, ecological balance and are a source of food for other creatures. So, their extinction would be catastrophic to the ecosystem."

Every being matters. We are all connected and what happens to one of us affects all of us. On Friday, April 22 is Earth Day and it is a good reminder to pay attention and make good choices that benefit all who share this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all need good food and homes to live. So on this morning I am silently saying thank you to all the people in this county who have made the time to build and clean bird boxes. Every small action supports the whole.

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points of view

Rotational pull

I LEARNED A COUPLE of weeks ago that my life-long dream of being a starting pitcher for a major league baseball team will probably have to be put on hold. And not just because my resume cover letter noted that I have no job experience or natural ability but do consider myself a "quick learner."

As tempting as that might be for the scouts who I sent it to, it turns out I must remove myself from the running because I have a rotator cuff injury. Which, as everyone knows, is the bane of all great pitchers.

Sadder still, this affects me in many other ways too, because my range of motion in my left shoulder means that I cannot extend my good hand (the left) over my head.

This is not good if you are short.

Short people like myself are highly dependent on extending our arms. Our very survival depends upon it. Fortunately, Jenn is much taller and has long, gangly arms, so I can count on her to reach things for me, so long as she does not read the previous description.

Regardless, she cannot always be there for me. I must still face other harsh realities alone.

For instance, I must now accept that I am at a serious disadvantage in any snowball fight and must attend any tomato throwing festival at my own peril.

Worse of all, I can no longer "Wave my hands in the air like I don't care." This pains me most, because I frequently don't care, and I am not sure you can adequately convey that message by waving just one hand. In fact, if past experience is any indication, whenever I wave one hand in the air, I usually get called upon to ask a question, which is basically the opposite of not caring.

Also, without having two hands in the air as part of my limited dance repertoire, the kids will no longer think that I'm cool.

It gets worse though. Each and every day, I am discovering things that are no longer an option for me. Testing the wind with a wet finger immediately comes to mind. And my ability to hail a waiter or a cab has declined substantially too.

I am now also lousy at surrendering and will likely get tasered if I am asked to put both hands in the air. And, if someone asks me to point where the North Star or Big Dipper is, I will have to give verbal directions, which is never good.

You are now probably about to write a letter to the editor to point out that I failed to acknowledge that I could do this and many other things with my right hand. Well, let me save you the stamp. I thought so too, until I tried to throw a stick for my dog with my right hand the other day.

I don't really want to recount how badly it went, other than to say I almost impaled my right foot. As a result, I have put a moratorium on using my right hand for anything beyond rudimentary scratching.

The good news is I am going to get an X-ray and ultrasound on my shoulder soon and will presumably be given the medical care needed to extend my left shoulder skyward again. In the meantime, just assume I don't care.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Some of the photos in our collection just boggle the mind! Check out this view of the Wood Products Company of Canada (later Standard Chemical) in Donald. The company produced charcoal, wood alcohol and other related products which required vast amounts of local hardwood. Submitted by Kate Butler of Haliburton Highlands Museum

Postponement for more input on Wallings Road development

Dear Editor,

Currently there are two projects planned for Wallings Road, a possible 48 units at Places for People (P4P) and 60 to 80 condo units on the former MNR property, for a total of 108 to 128 new units. Haliburton County has said that these projects should not be allowed to proceed unless the traffic generated, including the current condominium and most of the homes on Wallings is routed through the Halbien subdivision. The County is requesting a new traffic impact study on Wallings Road and the County Road 21 intersection, to determine the best way to service these new proposals. This may allow the developments to proceed with access via Wallings Road, with improvements made to that intersection or recommend that traffic be rerouted through Halbien Crescent.

We are not opposed to the development of P4P or the MNR property although we do question the density of these projects. We are aware that housing supply is very low, especially for low to middle income families and that housing initiatives should be supported. However, if the plan is to bring all of this added traffic through our residential subdivision, should there not be a plan in place to accommodate this? Our roads are narrow with blind corners, no sidewalks or proper street lighting. All pedestrians, including children,

are forced to use the paved roadway and with vehicles speeding this is entirely unsafe and will be exacerbated. The intersection of Halbien and County Road 21 is already difficult to manoeuvre, especially in the summer. The issues mentioned will be more hazardous with the addition of another 250-plus vehicles coming and going throughout the day. There is also the matter of effects on the water table and wells on the homes abutting these projects.

Our Haliburton by the Lake Association presented our concerns to Dysart Council, were accused of "Not in My Backyard" syndrome and were told that we could voice our concerns when a rezoning application is presented at a public meeting. This is much too late in the process in our opinion. Dysart et al Council has made no attempt at meaningful engagement with Halbien residents. They want to blame the County for this predicament and move ahead with granting P4P access through Halbien in order that the first phase of their project may proceed. Why not postpone development decisions until we know the results of the traffic impact study and work with those affected, including us, to determine an appropriate way forward?

Derrell and Kim Stamp
Halbien Crescent
Haliburton

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions must not exceed 300 words, and are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Bird flu outbreak heading north

STEVE GALEA

Staff

Wild birds are playing a key role in the spread of a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in Ontario this spring.

HPAI, more commonly known as bird flu, was detected in March near Waterloo in a wild red-tailed hawk that appeared ill. At press time, the virus has also been detected in 10 other locations, the closest to Haliburton County being Selwyn township. There, the virus was detected in a backyard flock of chickens, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) cautions that this HPAI outbreak is "rapidly evolving" and says it expects more

detected cases over the following weeks as migratory birds return to their northern haunts. HPAI is highly transmissible and poses the greatest threat to domestic poultry, where it can cause high rates of disease and mortality.

Infected birds may show lack of energy, movement or appetite, decreased egg production, swelling around the head, neck and eyes, coughing, gasping for air or sneezing, nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination, diarrhea or sudden death.

The CWS recommends that members of the public should not handle live wild birds or those found dead. If contact with wild birds is unavoidable, the CWS advises to wear gloves or use a doubled plastic bag and to avoid contact with blood, body fluids and feces. This should

be followed by a thorough hands washing with soap and warm water.

There have been no known cases of avian influenza being transferred from wild birds to humans. Most human cases of avian influenza worldwide have resulted from close contact with infected poultry or their contaminated environments.

The CWS says HPAI viruses have infected more than 100 species of wild birds worldwide, but infections are most common among water birds such as ducks, geese, swans, gulls, and shorebirds, which are considered the natural reservoir for avian influenza viruses. Most wild birds infected with HPAI remain asymptomatic, but mortality events involving wild birds have resulted from this strain. There is evidence that raptors and some scavenger species are susceptible to mortality from the virus.

The CWS asks those who observe sick or dead birds and suspect that disease may be involved, contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 866-673-

4781 or report online at cwhc.wildlifesubmissions.org

Regarding bird feeding, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is advising people not to handle or feed any wild bird by hand.

They also acknowledge that feeding encourages wild birds to congregate around food sources and can increase the probability of transmission among wild birds, both within and among species. Having said that they still say the use of bird feeders is safe but advise to remove feeders from areas that are open to poultry and other domestic animals. They also advise those who care for poultry to prevent contact between wild birds and poultry by removing exterior/outdoor sources of food, water and shelter that attract wild birds.

Also, they advise to use a weak solution of domestic bleach (10 per cent sodium hypochlorite) to clean bird feeders. Ensure they are well rinsed and dried before re-use.



Notice of Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

The Public Meeting to introduce the application and hear submissions regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the County of Haliburton Administration Building, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario. Please note that this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of June 12, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than ten people. The Public can register to speak at the Public Meeting via electronic participation: Should you wish to speak at the Public meeting, for a five (5) minute time allotment, please email the Director of Planning via ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than 5 business days prior to April 27th, 2022.

Description of Proposal:

Concerning County File No.: 46-T-22001 (Granite Shores – Centre Lake East), 9184384 Canada Inc. is the owner of approximately 431.5 hectares of land located east of Centre Lake in the Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (herein referred to as the "subject lands"). The subject lands are currently vacant. It is the owner's intent to develop a portion of the subject lands into a seasonal cottage and tourist commercial resort, commonly referred to as "Granite Shores". The proposed development of a Plan of Subdivision/Condominium (Vacant Land) consists of the following:

- Twenty-eight (28) freehold seasonal cottage lots;
- One (1) tourist commercial resort and wellness block, including one two-storey resort building containing sixty (60) suites and one single storey spa/wellness centre;
- Three (3) common element private open space blocks;
- One (1) public hiking trail;
- One (1) highway commercial block; and,
- One (1) common element private condominium road.

Additional information:

Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Description of the Subject Land:

Subject Land: Being Parts of Lots 27-29, Concession 12; Parts of Lots 27-29, Concession 13; and, Parts of Lots 26-30, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Cardiff
Municipality: Township of Highlands East, County of Haliburton

Statement:

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the County of Haliburton, Box 399, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0, ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca, <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/index.aspx>.

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Upcoming job fair offers opportunity for employers, employees

DARREN LUM

Editor

Employment opportunities are coming with the Job Fair scheduled at the local high school later this month.

Students and the public are being given the opportunity for a one-stop shop to fact find and, possibly, gain employment in Haliburton County with an in-person event at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) where employers will be, to answer questions and potentially hire for various positions.

Held from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for students, and 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the public on April 20, the event is being made possible by the partnership between the high school, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and Haliburton Home Hardware's district manager, Glen Rickerby.

HHSS principal Chris Boulay said the school is pleased to be part of this collective to make this offering happen for its students, who he refers to as Red Hawks.

"Many hardworking Red Hawks are actively seeking employment and this opportunity allows them to consider a number of open positions in various sectors within the community that might interest them. HHSS sees itself as an integral player in preparing students for the world of work and in working alongside our community partners and employers," he wrote in a message.

President of HCHBA Glenn Evans, who invites students and encourages people from the public to come, said job fairs address shortages in the skilled trades.

"There is a shortage of skilled trades across the entire country, and the need for interested people is growing even-

ryday. Events such as this give potential candidates an opportunity to connect with potential employers," he wrote in an email. "The summer season is just around the corner, and all the indicators are pointing to it being one of the busiest ever. Having this event in April is perfect timing for a job fair. It gives employers a chance to meet and welcome their new recruits while candidates also have time to prepare for their new positions, whether it's [purchase] personal tools, safety wear, or maybe even [arrange for] transportation to and from work."

HCHBA's executive officer Aggie Tose said this event is not to be confused for a "career fair."

"A career fair is important too for the students to show them what careers are available right here in Haliburton County, [but] this event is especially geared to have people attend with a resume in hand. Home Hardware is sponsoring a draw for all who bring resumes and enter the draw," she wrote in an email.

Having the event at the high school makes it ideal for students, Aggie Tose said.

"Hosting this event at the high school, I hope gives our students the opportunity to meet employers on their own turf where they are usually more comfortable. Thanks to the large area and closeness to town we can open this event up to the general public very easily," she wrote.

Evans, who will also be at the Job Fair as a potential employer, as owner of Cedar Winds Design Build, asks job fair attendees to bring their curiosity and questions, including resumes and/or cover letters.

Cedar Winds will be providing information to people, but are actively looking to fulfill positions for its carpentry

apprenticeships.

Evans encourages "Students that are seeking either immediate full-time employment, or even summer work, as they prepare for their post secondary journey, should come to this event ... I am very excited to welcome our students to the local workforce. Apprenticeships are the best way to learn a trade, hone your skills and get paid to do so. It's a very exciting time for all of us."

He continues, "On behalf of all the

members of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, we look forward to seeing you there. We also want to wish the very best to the students that are planning to pursue post secondary education opportunities."

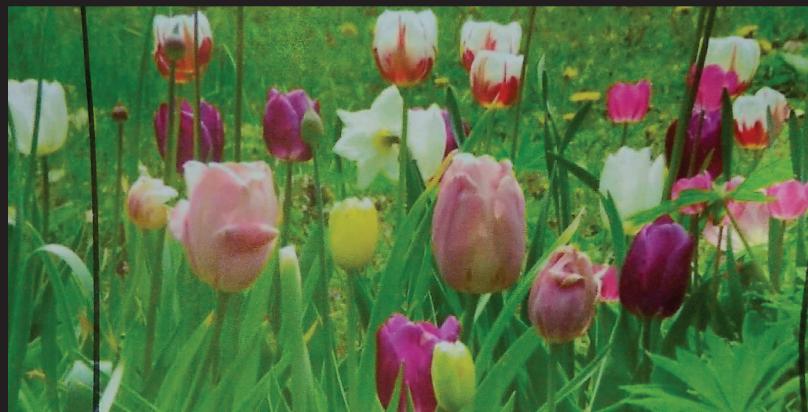
Masks are recommended, but not required.

Space is still available for employers. If interested call to secure your spot 705-457-6901 or email info@hchba.ca.

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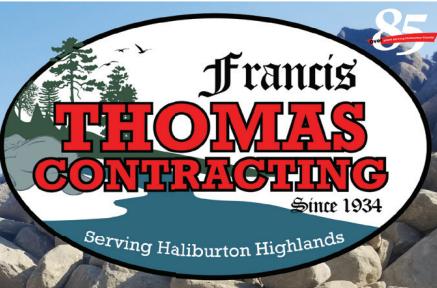
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Learn how to help the chorus frog

DARREN LUM

Editor

Taking a journey to learn about the chorus frog with experienced local field naturalist Ed Poropat will not only help educate and raise awareness about the amphibian, which is disappearing from the landscape, but also enlist potential allies in its bid for survival.

Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and partially funded by the Environment Canada and Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program, the by-donation event is from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, located on 6712 Gelert Road.

Poropat will give a powerpoint presentation, which will include how to identify the frog and provide information on its lifecycle, and a guided walk to listen for and potentially see the amphibian in the outdoors.

Poropat said he wants those that come to the event to leave with greater awareness of the frog, which is "very quickly disappearing."

The benefit of raising awareness is the opportunity to enlist more allies for the vulnerable species, he adds.

"Inevitably, what will happen is it'll help us at least get a really good sense of populations and distribution and stuff like that. And then that, ultimately, is helpful to the frog," he said, referring to how more people can look out for the frog.

Poropat said he has had at least a couple of decades of experience with species at risk, but has had an interest in amphibians for all of his life.

Frogs are key to our biodiversity. Los-

ing any is detrimental, he said.

"Every species that we lose affects the entire ecosystem. You know, it's that the whole idea of pulling on a thread and the whole thing unravels slowly if you're not careful, so we need to do our best to provide homes and habitats for every single species that's out there," he said.

Among the factors contributing to the decline in population for species is how its habitat is disappearing, he said. This frog has never been common in the county, but has been discovered closer to southern portion of the Highlands such as in Minden Hills. He would be surprised if any would be in the northern areas of the county.

"It's a species that just has never been common on the Canadian Shield – not in Haliburton County. And, so, there's pockets here and there, but, sadly, I've been doing some frog surveys over the last, probably, 15 years and in the last ... five years, I've noticed places where I've heard them before and they're now gone," he said.

The importance of this frog is how it affects others.

"Frogs provide control for insects, because they're voracious insect feeders, as well as other things, and then also they provide food for other things. When they're younger, whether they be tadpoles, or eggs, or even as adults, providing food for birds, herons. That kind of thing," he said.

The consequence of losing one species is difficult to understand until it happens.

"We don't even understand how a lot of these things are related," he said.

He noted when the dodo bird went extinct it led to the extinction of a tree.

"Who would have guess that, right? But the dodos would eat the seeds from

this tree and their bills were heavy enough that they could crack them and so the tree was able to germinate through the bird defecating," he said.

He encourages people to come to the event with flashlights, so they can be

available if needed during the outdoor walk portion.

As requirement for the event, please pre-register and for more information www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.



Vehicle theft under investigation

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a report of a stolen vehicle in the Township of Dysart et al.

Police received a report on April 5 about a white 2015 Nissan Titan truck that was stolen from a residence on Pine Avenue. The vehicle, which was parked in the driveway and locked, is believed to have been stolen sometime overnight between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

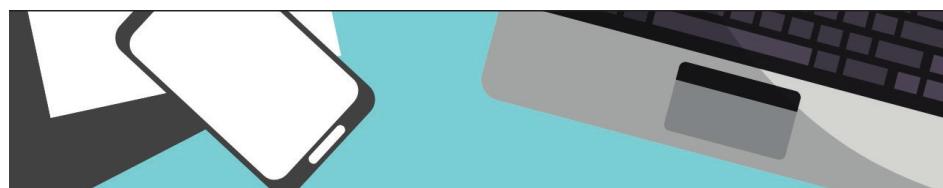
There is no information on the suspect available at this time. Local residents are asked to check their security cameras and report any suspicious persons or activity.

Take action to protect yourself from vehicle theft:

- Park your vehicle in a well-lit secure area or locked garage, if possible.
- Consider using a steering wheel locking device, brake pedal lock or other theft deterring device.
- Keep your key fob in a signal blocking case.
- Install a GPS tracker.
- Never leave your vehicle unlocked.
- Install surveillance cameras.
- Report suspicious persons or activity to police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 705-286-1431, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or <https://www.khcrimestoppers.com>.

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Author Waubgeshig Rice visits HHSS

OLIVIA JOHNSON

Special to the Echo

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School staff and students gained perspective with the opportunity to speak with Indigenous author and journalist Waubgeshig Rice on Monday, April 4. Christine Carr, a teacher at HHSS, organized the virtual presentation with the help of TLDSB Indigenous Education consultant Holly Groome. Schools across the board tuned in to listen to Rice tell his story and talk about his literary career.

Rice is an Anishinaabe author and journalist who currently lives in Sudbury with his wife and two children. Sudbury is also known as N'Swakamok, the traditional territory of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. He is a member of the Bear Clan of the Anishinaabe of Wasauksing First Nation, an island community on Georgian Bay, close to Parry Sound.

Previously working as a CBC journalist for nearly 20 years, Rice is also the author of many short stories and three fictional novels, one being the bestseller *Moon of the Crusted Snow*.

The HHSS students and staff were able to learn about what it was like to grow up on a reserve, commonly referred to as "the Rez," as Rice reflected on his childhood and teen years. Growing up in the '80s, Rice explained that it was the time that their community was trying to get back to their Anishinaabe heritage after many tragedies and traumas in their community.

"There had been lots of deaths, people dying young, lots of abuses that were perpetuated through the cycles of colonialism, being displaced, and further abuses by the state upon our people. It all just had really detrimental impacts on the community and the people," he said. "It caused a lot of negative cycles."

As the adults in Wasauksing First Nation began making serious efforts to find the path to healing, ensuring that the younger generation had a positive environment, Rice had started to see many parts of Anishinaabe culture coming back. Powwows were happening again, ceremonies like sweat lodges and fasting had come back, and there were lots of learning moments from the elders.

"They were empowered again to share their knowledge. There was a very deep shame attached to Anishinaabe identity for a long time because of the Indian Act,



HHSS students were visited virtually by Waubgeshig Rice last week and were able to ask the Indigenous author and journalist questions about his life and work. /Photo submitted by Christine Carr

residential schools, the '60s Scoop, and being displaced from their homelands."

Rice recognized that, back then, the stereotype about Indigenous people was that they were all tragic, or that reserves were a place of death and despair. He expressed the importance of remembering how close they are to their world ending; "that's exactly what happened to our ancestors. It was the apocalypse, it was the end of their world."

While storytelling was a sacred and immersive experience in Indigenous culture, it was when Rice started high school off of the reserve that he realized their approach to storytelling was much different. With little-to-no diversity in the reading list at that time, it being mostly white men that the students would read, Rice assumed that literature was just for white people.

"I had never seen an Indigenous story written in a book that way," he said. "I just sort of accepted it, like, 'OK, that's the way it is. As much as I enjoy these books, that's just not a world for me, my stories, or my people.'"

Rice's perspective on the world of literature changed when his aunt began giving him books by Indigenous authors that he didn't know about as they were not part of the high school curriculum. Seeing himself represented in a book, experiences like his own, written about and expressed proudly, was what inspired him to begin writing his own stories.

These stories, written with pen and paper at his home, were stories documenting what life was like to be an Anishinaabe kid growing up on 'the Rez.' Rice's 2011 book, *Midnight Sweatlodge*, is a compilation of these stories that have been revised and made into a short story collection.

During the question period, Rice was asked about his journalism career at CBC, specifically asking if he had covered stories or topics that were upsetting or disconcerting for him as an Indigenous person. He explained that many stories were retraumatizing, especially when it was stories and issues that his family had endured.

"The missing and murdered Indigenous women, the wider impacts of colonization, loss of language, all of those really heavy stories always severely impacted me."

Rice said he was grateful to have many outlets to heal in his life whenever those moments were too difficult, like his partner to confide in, or his own practices like smudging. Although there were much fewer Indigenous journalists within the CBC network at the time, they were all able to come together and support each other when the stories were too much to handle.

"It was hard, but our responsibility, really, was to educate people about the Canada that they weren't familiar with," he said. "The Canada that they never learned about. It was upon us, as the

journalists, to sort of fill in the blanks for the older generations who haven't been taught about these topics in school."

As an Indigenous person, Rice faced obstacles not only in his journalism career, but in his career as an author as well. Although it has gotten easier as there is more of an appetite amongst Canadians for Indigenous works, the world of literature has not always been that welcoming. Rice named Indigenous authors like Richard Wagamese and Lee Maracle as trailblazers who faced many trials and tribulations trying to publish their stories.

"It's all about making money, of course, it's a capitalist industry," he said. "Historically, because Indigenous people are a relatively small part of the population, publishers wouldn't expect to make money off of Indigenous stories and just wouldn't publish them."

At the beginning of his career as an author, Rice recounted the different publishers that he took his work to that, at the time, did not have an interest in publishing them. Thankfully, he found the Indigenous publishing house, Theytus Books, who gave him the home to share his stories.

Rice expressed his gratitude for all of the Indigenous storytellers who have fought for their spaces in literature and different industries.

"It's the same in journalism, in film, in music, and so on. There have been a lot of great Indigenous creatives just fighting for their spots. That's why I'm able to do what I'm able to do now, because of people like Richard and Lee who made space for people like me."

As the talk was coming to an end, Rice wanted to stress the importance of people immersing themselves in Indigenous literature and stories. He explained that the settlers displacing Indigenous people led to the country, as a whole, neglecting its history and its truth all together.

"There are so many beautiful stories, so many wonderful experiences, and so many enriching lessons in Indigenous communities that have existed here for thousands of years. These are things that are enshrined within the land. When you learn these stories, cultures, and experiences, you learn more about the land around you."

Waubgeshig Rice's bestselling novel *Moon of the Crusted Snow* is available to check out at the Haliburton County Public Library. To learn more about Rice and his story, head to his website at waub.ca.

Perry Morrison checks the boiling sap, as part of harvesting process for maple syrup. Submitted by David Zilstra



Waiting for Highlands gold

West Guilford resident Perry Morrison sits among the various apparatuses for taking sap to make maple syrup, he shares with neighbour and friend David Zilstra. This is just the second year for the hobby production for the friends, who live down the road from one another. Submitted by David Zilstra

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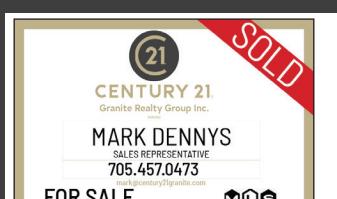

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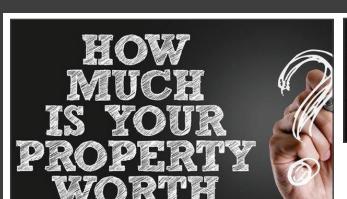

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Finding bravery in the pursuit of art

HHSS student's poetry featured in new book

DARREN LUM

Editor

Tears of joy were shed, marking an occasion that was a dream fulfilled for a high school student with a love of the English language.

Anabelle Craig remembers being compelled to cry happily when she saw the two boxes filled with copies of her book of poetry, *Regarding the Decomposition of Words* published by Writers Republic at her home on March 9, representing an effort rooted in passion, and with the support of family, friends and fans.

"There's been a lot of really happy tears," she said. "It's been a roller coaster of emotions. Mostly, happy. Yeah, I still can't believe this is happening. I had to pinch myself. So, it's been a lot of really happy tears. Hard to believe this is real. Definitely."

The fifth-year student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School spoke to the *Echo* from the school's lobby last month about the 100 page paperback book she produced. She is still processing the mix of emotions that have come with publishing her first book.

From the passion she exuded in describing her literary achievement, it's not likely to be her last.

She's already sold close to 40 books of 250 copies printed, which includes sales to more than just family and friends.

"Yeah, I did not necessarily expect that a stranger would buy one. So that was really kind of special," she said.

The manuscript includes poems from Grade 10 and 11, and the last several months from October to January.

Love of the word is at the core of how she ended up completing her book.

Craig loves everything about the English language, particularly learning about the origins of words. Among her prized possessions are dictionaries. One is an *Oxford English Dictionary* from the 1950s, which she bought at Castle Antiques and Cafe in Haliburton. This copy possesses the unique feature of being able to be taken apart and put back together, and the other was a dictionary of etymology - study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history - for Christmas from her grandmother. *Once upon a word*, a gift from her mother is a word-origin dictionary she highly recommends for parents and teachers.

The idea of the book of poetry started October 2021 while in class thinking about the possibility of completing her own book, she said. It inspired her to research how to self-publish, which led her to find Writers Republic.

"It's been a whirlwind. Yeah, it's been quite a journey," she said.

She credits help came from HHSS English teacher and school librarian Trish Wootton, who was her editor (along with her mother, who also completed the artwork on the cover), and the support of friends and parents.

Craig is looking forward to moving on to new challenges.

This autumn she hopes to enrol at Trent University for either English literature program, or the literature and cultural studies program.

Her doubts about identifying as a poet, and her place within a creative family were put to rest in some ways by completing this book.

"So, doing this I learned that I am and I can be, and I can be finally learning the

lessons that my parents have been [giving] me for like 18 years," she said.

She remembers her initial reaction to poetry was less than positive while in English class.

When class requirements demanded she write a poem something clicked within her.

"So, I just wrote and I realized that, hey,

houses, who may pick up the book to publish.

Craig said to her success is being able to hold her creation, and to sell enough books to cover publishing expenses.

"I'm happy that it exists. It's like a tangible object. It's no longer this idea. It's like a tangible thing. And so, yes, success No. 1 is it's real and No. 2 would be to

pay off the costs. And then, if more comes out of it, I would be thrilled. I would be over the moon," she said.

Purchase the book by contacting Anabelle Craig through her email address: anabellewith1n@gmail.com or through Writers Republic at www.writersrepublic.com/bookshop/regarding-decomposition-words.



I actually like this. So, every year, I wrote some more and in Grade 11 it stopped being writing just for a project and started being writing to express myself and kind of snowballed from there," she said.

Craig said this book serves as an example of her bravery, even if not achieved alone.

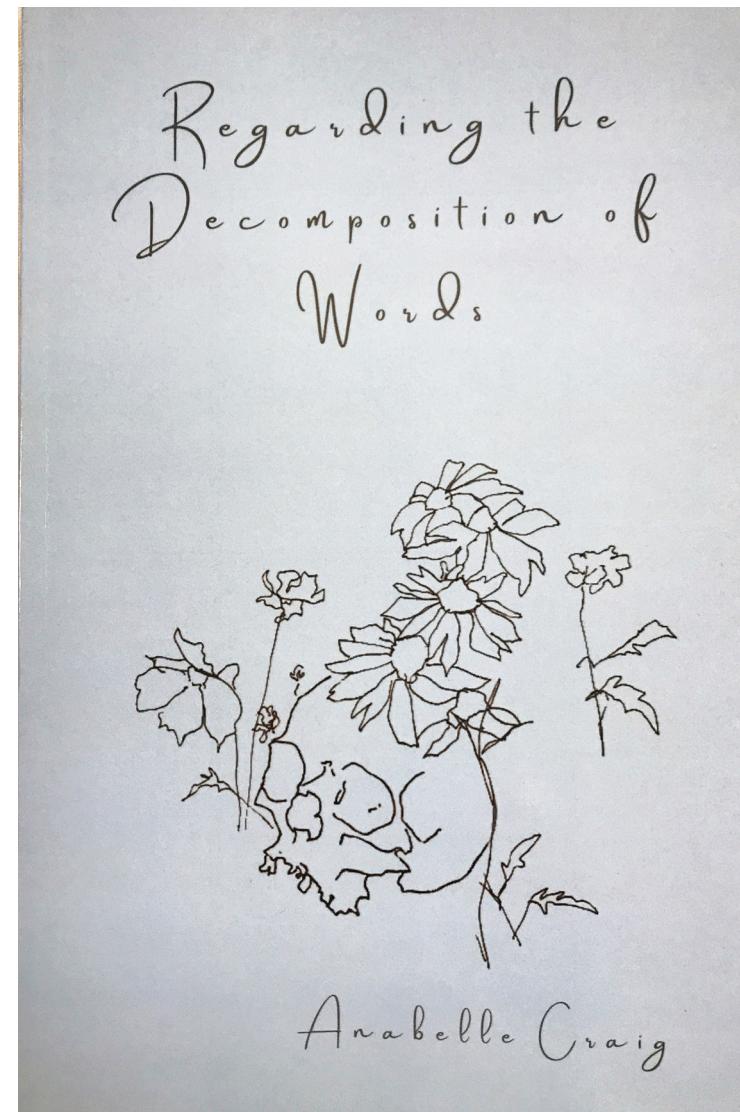
"My parents have been amazing with this," she said, both within a few steps away in the school's lobby. "And, they've been fabulous. And, so everybody who is going to read it that's just all the people that are like, yeah, sure, I'll take a chance on this teenager, who published a book. That's kind of cool."

She adds her friends have also been supportive of her throughout the process and are happy for her achievement. Craig also credited all her teachers from her time as a home school student and in public school. All of this support was instrumental in this process.

"Even when I was like, there's no way I can do this. They've been behind me and saying, 'yes, you can, and you're going to.' That's been really amazing to see. And just the fact that it is real, and then I took this step, deciding to do this on a whim," she said. "Over the first [wave of the] pandemic, I was like, I want to publish something, but I never did anything with it, because I didn't think it's possible. And then on a whim, I did. And, I'm so proud that I stuck with it and made it happen. It's not very often that young folks get to see their dreams become a reality, especially when it's something like publish a book."

There is an opportunity for more with this though.

Through Writers Republic, her book's manuscript will be sent to publishing



Above, Anabelle Craig, a senior high school student, signs her book of poetry, *Regarding the Decomposition of Words* on Tuesday, March 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. This is the first effort by Craig. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, *Regarding the Decomposition of Words* is the first book of poetry by Tory Hill's Anabelle Craig. /DARREN LUM Staff

Reaching, receiving revelling

Red Hawks doubles male player Ben Robinson returns a serve, with partner Hunter Winder at back during a match at the Kawartha championship pre-qualifier hosted on April 5 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Robinson and Winder finished first at the tournament. All competitors qualified for the next round. /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks doubles player Ava Smith leaps for an overhead return during a match at the Kawartha championship pre-qualifier.

Sr. pre-qualifying Kawartha results

Men's doubles: 1st Ben Robinson and Hunter Winder, 3rd Corin Gervais and Nicholas Phippen

Men's singles: 2nd Jackson Wilson, 4th Cooper Lloyd

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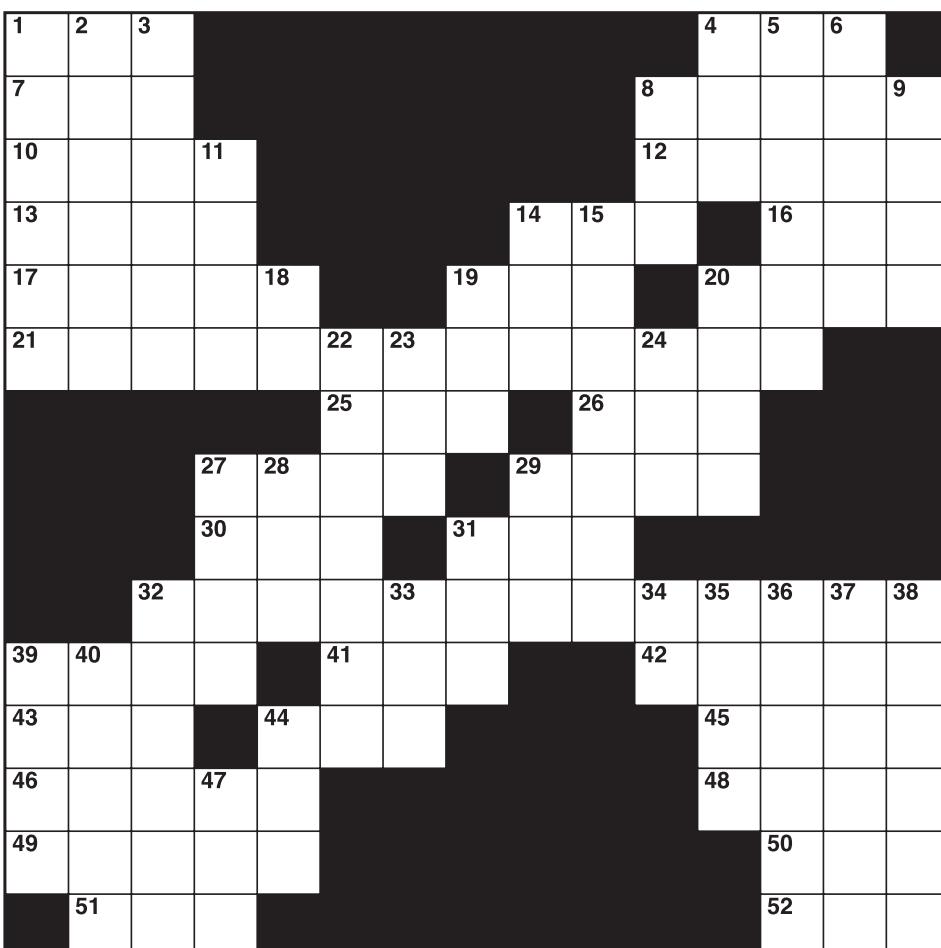
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10. Not excessive
12. African antelope
13. A way to fly a glider
14. Tough softly
16. In the course of
17. Early Mesoamerican people
19. A way to drop down
20. Mistake!
21. Housing developments
25. Baseball stat
26. No (Scottish)
27. Type of cuisine
29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
30. Marry
31. Buffer solution
32. Legendary rock band
39. Recording industry show
41. A way to consume
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Political action committee
44. Field force unit (abbr.)
45. Very eager
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Nocturnal insect
49. Challenged to perform
50. Thus far
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1. Small, purple-black fruit
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. Split pulses
5. Northwestern Mexico town
6. Edible fruit
8. Upper-class southern young woman
9. Sums up
11. The most worthless part
14. Dash
15. Sufferings
18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
19. Indian title of respect
20. Poems meant to be sung
22. Actor Cooper
23. Luke's mentor __-Wan
24. Clumsy person
27. Figures
28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
29. Old cloth
31. Explosive
32. Automobiles
33. 007's creator
34. The Volunteer State
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. Portrayed emotion
38. Observers
39. Mimicked
40. Polite reference to a woman
44. Male parent
47. Peter Griffin's daughter

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Huskies season on the brink

Opening series 5-2 loss to Golden Hawks, forces must win at home

The Haliburton County Huskies fell 5-2 to the Trenton Golden Hawks in game one of the East Division semi-final playoff best-of-three series. Lead by a Jake Campbell hat-trick and a red hot goalie William Nguyen, the Golden Hawks pounced all over the Huskies sending them home disappointed.

The Huskies got the ball rolling early in the first period when Patrick Saini beat Nguyen to put the dogs up by one. However the Jake Campbell show began soon after. Scoring his first off of a bad angle, and his second on a Kolby Poulin penalty, the Trenton forward had himself a night.

In the second period, Huskies leading scorer Oliver Tarr managed to convert a breakaway into a goal but the bleeding was only stopped temporarily. A few minutes late, Campbell completed the hat-trick and put the Hawks up by one. Frustrated, the Huskies tried everything in the third to beat Nguyen but the efforts went in vain.

Dalton Bancroft added a goal to seal the deal, before the Hawks scored on the empty net to send the Huskies back



to Minden on Wednesday in a must win scenario. With Saini and Tarr logging the markers, the momentum these two had in the regular season followed them to the playoffs.

With a best-of-three leaving no room for error, the home town Huskies will train extra hard to avenge the loss and force an all or nothing deciding game three in Trenton on Thursday.



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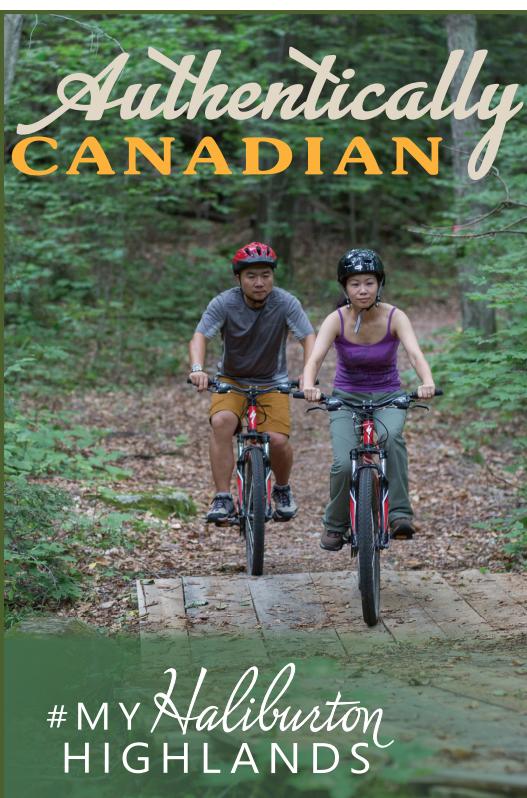


A Hawks' touch

Above, Red Hawks senior soccer players work through a ball handling drill at an early morning training session on April 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks will host LCVI on Monday, May 2 to kick off the season. Games start 3 p.m. when juniors and seniors play, but will start 3:30 p.m. when one game is held.

Right, Red Hawks senior soccer players come together for a ball during an early morning training session on April 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks will host LCVI on Monday, May 2 to kick off the season. Games start 3 p.m. when juniors and seniors play, but will start 3:30 p.m. when one game is held.

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And further take notice that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting on the 26th day of April, 2022.

Dated at Haliburton and published this 7th day of April, 2022.

Mallory Bishop, Clerk
mbishop@dysartetal.com

Schedule "A"

Part Lots 31, 32 & 33, Concession 10, being Lots 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30, Plan 607, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, United Townships of Dysart et al (Harburn Road – Wagon Wheel Subdivision)



2022 E-lection
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2022 Municipal Election Do You Want to Run for Council? Free - Candidate Information Workshop

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Who Should Attend:

- Potential candidates
- Spouse or partner (family members of potential candidates)
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The information session "So You Want to Run for Council?" will be led by **Fred Dean**, a municipal coach and former municipal solicitor who has been training members and heads of Council since 2002. The session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal council members and explain how public office will impact your life.

Registration: There is no registration required for in person attendance.

To register virtually please visit: <https://www.dysartetal.ca/election/>

Nominations to run for Council commences on May 2, 2022. Nomination Day is Friday, August 19, 2022 (9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.). Municipal Election Day will be held October 24, 2022.

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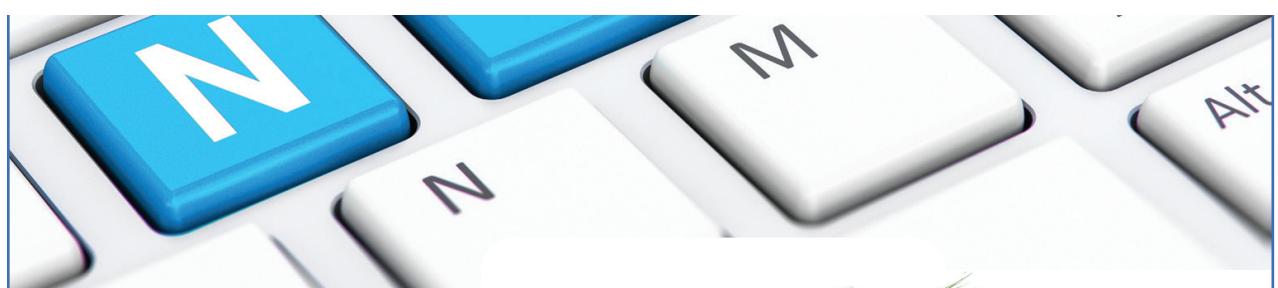
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(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at her home in Haliburton surrounded by her loving family. She was 83 years old. Beloved wife of the late Gerry Dawson (2013). Loved mother of Stephen Dawson (Michelle) and Jeffrey Dawson (Virginia). Adoring grandma of Haley, Jeremy, Reid, Victoria, and Rachel, and dear sister of Thomas Troughton of Kingston. Barb will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Her caring ways, warm smile and thoughtful counsel made her a touchstone for many in Haliburton and her extended community.

Barb was raised in Toronto by her mother after her father was killed in action in Italy in 1944. A graduate of the Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing, Barb had a brief nursing career as a RN before starting her family and supporting Gerry in his accounting practice. Her independent side and willingness to serve led to many volunteer experiences. Barb sat on the Board of Directors for the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital, twice served as President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, was the Secretary of the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital building committee, President of the Haliburton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and sat for 7 years on the Board of Trustees for St Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough. Her passion for health care continued as Chair of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for long term care beds in Haliburton, Chair of the PR Committee for St Joseph's General Hospital and Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the Haliburton Hospital Expansion. Within Haliburton County, Barb served on the Directional Plan Steering Committee, Planning and Development Committee, the Health Services Board, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Board of Directors for the Guild of Fine Arts. She was recognized as Highlander of the Year in 1991.

Her natural curiosity gave her a love of travel which she truly enjoyed whether on the back roads of Haliburton or an Antarctic cruise. Her interest in current events and politics led to many spirited conversations. Over the years, many friendships were established through St. George's Anglican Church, curling, skiing, squash, traveling, the Anonymous Book Club, Roving Lunch Club, knitting club, bridge, the Easy Rider Cyclists, Friendship Force, East York Collegiate reunions, and square dancing. Always a class act, her fun-loving disposition and welcoming personality will be missed by many.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to attend at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday June 18, 2022, at 11 o'clock. Visitation one hour prior. Private interment to follow at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Charles Heard

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

April 9, 2022



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on April 9, 2022, in his 81st year. Loving husband to the late Eileen Heard (nee Kaine). Adoring father to Ed (Brenda) and Sue (Graham). Grandfather to Alexis, Christopher, and Jacob. Son to the late Lloyd & Elva Heard. Brother to Dwight Heard.

Charles was born and lived most of his life in Eagle Lake. He worked hard as a logger. In the brief time that he had for leisure, Charles loved to hunt, fish, and spend time with Eileen and their dogs. Charles hated the cold and would spend as much time in Barbados as he could. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family in the Haliburton Highlands and all over.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Wednesday evening April 13, 2022 from 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Thursday morning April 14, 2022 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior.) Please wear a mask or face covering while inside the Funeral Home. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation or The Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Businesses are
being asked
to form group

Because a concerted effort is needed on the part of local business people in order to work more effectively in promoting growth and higher sales, an association is being formed to unite all the interested parties into one stronger group.

"As we are all aware, there have been many recent developments in our area and Haliburton is experiencing growth," reads a newsletter being distributed throughout the town. "The appearance of our village and the activities that go on

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Outreach office
gets the nod

Haliburton's Manpower Outreach office had been given a mandate to operate for at least three more years. The announcement, from the federal minister of employment and immigration, Flora MacDonald, was good news not only for office staff, but for local people who make use of the office's services.

Before the office opened in Haliburton, local residents were forced to drive to Peterborough for job searches and to register for unemployment benefits.

Presently the office is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, which administers federal grants to meet the cost of the service. However, Haliburton County council indicated earlier this month that it might be willing to assume the role of sponsor, freeing Chamber directors from concerns about liability. County clerk Gary McKnight is examining details of the change, and will report to county council at its next regular meeting.

In the first year of its three year commitment, the federal government will provide a grant of \$59,633 for the local Outreach office. The level of funding for subsequent years will be determined annually.

Skipping
into spring....

A sure sign of spring is the sight of children laughing as they rediscover what fun skipping ropes can provide. Last week, the school yard of J. Douglas

Hodgson Elementary School was filled with flashing ropes as blue skies and warm weather chased the last of the winter blues away.

Easter Seal donations below goal

Donations to the local Easter Seals campaign are well below expectations, but chairman Cliff Dawson is hoping people who have not yet made a contribution will do so in the next few days. This year's target is \$3,900 but contributions to date have just barely topped the \$2000 mark.

"The people have always been very generous in the past," the chairman said. "We've always made our objective."

The campaign is held in March throughout Ontario to raise funds for the Easter Seal Society, a non profit agency which provides various forms of assistance for handicapped youngsters and conducts research into crippling disorders, preventative measures and new treatment techniques. Goal of this year's provincial campaign is more than \$3.6 million.

Haliburton's Rotary Club is one of 235 service clubs in the province

which take on the fund raising role for the Society, which this year needs more than \$11 million to maintain its service to Ontario's disabled youngsters.

The local campaign began with a blanket mailing of some 2,700 Easter Seal donation envelopes to area residents. These can still be used for remitting donations by mail. Donations can also be made in person at the Bank of Montreal in

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Dorset parents to
have last protest

Dorset area parents will have one more opportunity to argue their case with the Haliburton County Board of Education's special projects committee before the board decides if the community's public school will be phased out. The two sides will meet next Wednesday, April 9, at which time a committee of parents is expected to present facts and arguments it hopes will keep the school open for at least one more year.

The school has been 'a candidate for closure' for several years, but to date the board has been reluctant to take the final step, awaiting the enrolment growth the parents' committee has predicted. No growth has occurred, however, and it is unlikely the board can be persuaded to put off closure once again.

If the school is closed, Dorset area youngsters will be bussed to Irwin Memorial School in Dwight and the board will pay fees to the Muskoka Board for their education. It is also possible that closure of the school would create redundancy among the board's elementary school teachers and result in the loss of a job.

It is expected that the special projects committee will hear the Dorset parents' views without making a formal response. The committee will meet 'in camera' on Monday, April 14 to arrive at a position on the closure which it will then present to the whole board at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 15.

Dorset area trustee David Villard was unhappy with what he saw as the apparent finality of the board's position on the school, and with the

Dorset trustee
expresses dismay
that board's mind
appears made up

fact that the special projects committee will deliberate behind closed doors on April 13. Villard questioned the committee's right to exclude the public, but chairman Ross Anderson said it could do so because personnel matters were involved.

Villard indicated that he might record a protest when the committee votes to discuss the issue 'in camera'.

Bantams to play Teeswater

In a rematch of last year's series, Haliburton's Beach-Walker Bantams are meeting Teeswater in a best of seven all-Ontario final. And like last year, it appears the series could go either way.

The local boys were on the road over the weekend and came home with a split, winning the series opener 6-5 and losing the

second game 6-3. Haliburton also lost the toss, giving Teeswater the advantage of home ice for the deciding games.

Local fans can cheer on the Huskies twice this weekend. On Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. game three will get underway at the Dysart arena, and game four is slated for 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

For more details of last weekend's action, see page 6.

Maple syrup gathering
is a sure sign of spring

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Long after the last golden drops of maple syrup glisten over our pancakes or ice cream, the memories of springtime in the sugar bush will linger with us. Each sweet drop is a testimony to the rejuvenating forces of spring, causing trees to return to life and adding an extra bounce to our step.

Everyone can remember going into the sugar bush as a young student, marvelling at the steaming baths of boiling sap and delighting in the instant taffy you could make by pouring the still-hot syrup over fresh snow.

Going into the maple bush is still a ritual for some, whether they do it as a hobby like the Pasquino and Bates families or to supplement their income as the Wruths have been doing for decades. Though the two operations differ in their methods and size, the end result of both is just as sweet and sticky.

Walking the kilometre or so into the Pasquino sugar bush, or driving on a snowmobile, is part of the joy of rediscovering spring. Snow may still cover the path but the warm winds blowing through the forest tell of warmer times not too far away and the air is crisp with the changing seasons.

Tucked away in the forest is a tiny cabin built

years ago, the perfect place to sit down for a cup of coffee or a spot of lunch after the sap from the trees is gathered. This year, 70 trees are tapped, but in other years that number has reached upwards of 100.

Working in the sugar bush is a family affair. Owner John and Florence Pasquino, are helped out by his sister Jean Bates and her husband Roy. Brother-in-law Gratian Woodcock can be heard elsewhere in the forest, busily cutting down trees for the next winter's cold.

The sap is gathered by hand, a snowmobile

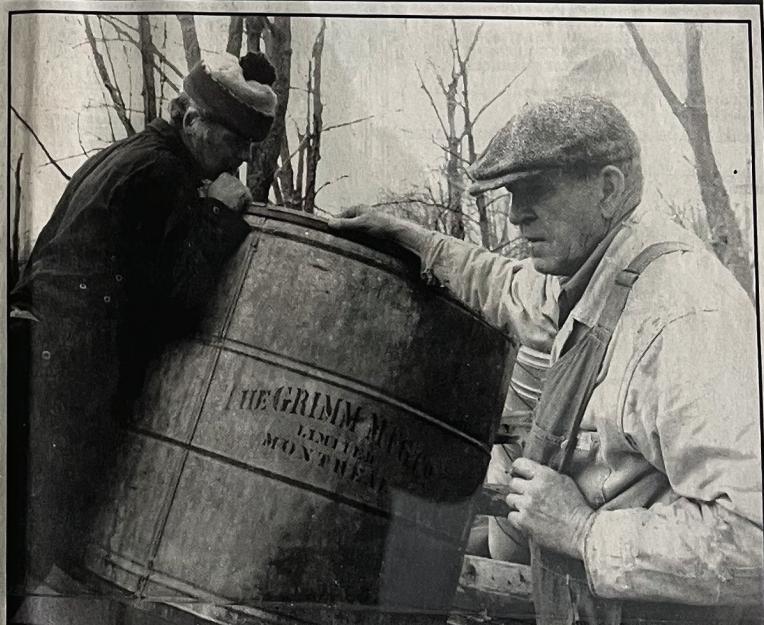
pulling along a small sled filled with sap buckets. The fire for boiling down must be started early in the morning so the syrup can be finished by nightfall.

Everyone pitches in to make the day pass pleasantly, whether their job is gathering the sap, straining it through the clothrimmed pails, skimming the boiling sap for impurities, stoking the fire, or cooking a hot home made meal on the old wood stove in the cabin.

Of course, the toil is more than justified when

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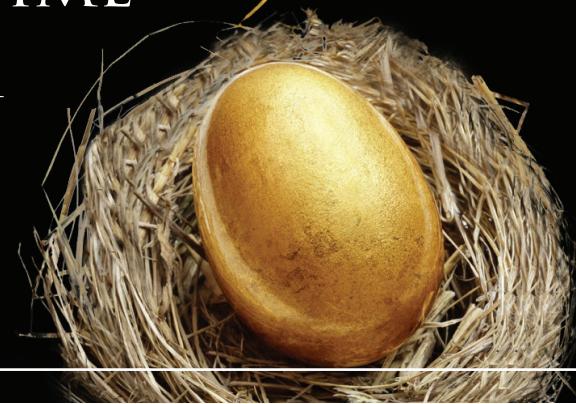


Contrary to what the name on the maple sap tub suggests, gathering the sap from trees at syrup time is anything but a grim experience. At the Wruths' farm just outside of Lochlin, neighbour Keith Schrader tips the tub so the sap can run into the

pipeline leading into the storage vat while Murray Wruth looks on. The Wruths have been making maple syrup for as long as anyone can remember though their records start in 1946.



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